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FRUIT COMBINES, POULTRY COOPERATIVES INCREASE

STATE FARMS FORM FRUIT COMBINES -- Rude Pravo, No 73, 27 Mar 49

A large fruit combine in the okres of Melnik, Blatná, Usti nad Labem, and Litomerice will be formed by the state farms. Out of a total of 58 state farms in this area, 22 will devote a total of 444 hectares to the cultivation of fruit trees. The total number of trees will be 106,300.

In 1949-1950, 2,300 fruit trees will be planted on 13 hectares; in 1950-1951, 28,000 trees on 124 hectares; and in 1951-1952, 76,000 trees. The total number of trees planted will be 250 percent greater than the number of fruit trees on state farms in that area at present.

Mechanization of this combine will mean, for example, that there will be a soil-cutter for each 6,000 trees. Of these, 60,000 will be apple trees (300 percent more than at present) and 29,000 apricot trees (13 times more than at present); cherries, plums, pears, and nuts will also be planted.

Storehouses for these fruits will be built in Ploskovic, Doksy, and Vrbicany. Capacities of these storehouses will be 60, 70, and 50 carloads respectively.

POULTRY COOPERATIVES EXTENDED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 72, 26 Mar 49

This year, Czechoslovakia is to raise 450,000 chickens and 10,000 ducks for eating and 7,000 ducks and 2,000 geese for breeding on state farms and on cooperative poultry farms. The state farms are also to increase the number of laying hens by 100,000. On 18 March there were 102 poultry farms in the Czech Provinces; 18 more are to be established.

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